

The Music Academy at Point Washington  
2023-2024 Handbook

**Community Children's Music Ministry**

**Children's Choir**

The Children's Choir meets on Wednesdays from 4-5pm and is open to students in 1-8th grade. Rehearsals will occur in the Music Suite behind the steepled sanctuary of Point Washington UMC. Students do not need any prior musical experience or knowledge to participate in this ensemble. Participation fee is \$25 for the entire academic year.

*(Performance Dates)*

September 13: Children's Choir Rehearsal Begins  
October 22: Fall Performance (8-10am) - Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
October 25: NO Rehearsal (Trunk or Treat @ PWUMC)  
November 22 - NO Children's Choir (Thanksgiving Break)  
Friday, December 1: 5-7pm Choir Christmas Party @ the Isaacs' House  
December 3: Advent Performance (8-10am) - Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
\*\*NO Children's Choir Rehearsal December - March (tentatively)  
March 27: Children's Choir resumes  
May 17: Spring Showcase

**Honor Choir**

The Honor Choir meets on Mondays from 5:15-6pm and is open to students in 5-12th grade. Rehearsals will occur in the Music Suite behind the steepled sanctuary of Point Washington UMC. Students do not need any prior musical experience or knowledge to participate in this ensemble. The Honor Choir is an intermediate group that will have focused, fast-paced rehearsals and will challenge students to navigate and read their choral sheet music, sing in 2-3 parts, and explore varied repertoire. Participation fee is \$30 for the entire academic year.

*(Performance Dates)*

August 14: Honor Choir Rehearsal Begins  
September 4: NO Rehearsal (Labor Day)  
September 24: Fall Performance (8AM-Noon) - Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
+ Service Sunday (Miramar Beach)  
November 20: NO Honor Choir (Thanksgiving Break)  
Friday, December 1: 5-7pm Choir Christmas Party @ the Isaacs' House  
December 3: Advent Performance (8-10am) - Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
December 10: PWUMC Festival of Carols Performance (8am-Noon) - Traditional and Praise Services  
NO REHEARSALS: December 11-March 18  
March 25: Honor Choir Rehearsals Resume  
May 17: Spring Showcase

### **Solo Participation in Worship (w/ Pastor Darrin)**

Students are welcome to participate in traditional or praise worship services as a solo or duet special music performance. **Parents/guardians** should contact Pastor Darrin at (317) 364-1468 to set up a performance date and a **minimum** of 3 rehearsals. Song selection can be chosen by Pastor Darrin or suggested by the student, but is up to the final approval of Pastor Darrin. Rehearsal times are typically on Wednesdays from 3-4pm.

## **Private Lessons**

### **TUITION:**

**Tuition for private piano lessons is \$120 per month.**

- Tuition is due on the first of each month.
- *\*A \$10 discount per student will be applied if multiple students are enrolled in the same family. Please contact the Academy Director to set this up.*
- Payments can be made on the Point Washington UMC website or via the PWUMC app.
  - WEBSITE:
    - Go to PWUMC.org
    - Click the “Give” option on the top menu
    - Click “Donate Now” on the bottom left of the screen
    - You can either set up a recurring payment for each month (preferred) or do it manually each month.
    - Choose a start date for your payments.
    - In the drop-down menu for “Fund” choose “Music Academy.” Click “Next.”
    - Put in your credit/debit card information or enter your bank account information.
  - APP:
    - Go to the “GIVE” tab and you can either set up a recurring payment for each month (preferred) or do it manually each month.
    - Choose a start date for your payments.
    - In the drop-down menu for “Fund” choose “Music Academy.” Click “Next.”
    - Put in your credit/debit card information or enter your bank account information.
- There is a one month grace period for missed payments.
  - Lessons will continue through the end of the month despite a missed payment.
  - **Lessons will pause following the month grace period until payment is received.**

### **Tuition for lessons includes:**

- Weekly lessons September-May (30 half-hour lessons)
- (Approximately) 3 Group Classes
- Reserved time/spaces with expert instructor
- Specific supplemental materials and resources
- Digital Notebooks
- Recital Fees

### **The student is responsible for book/supply fees.**

- These are charged on an individual basis. The instructor will choose a method best suited for the student and will provide the materials.
- Supplemental materials will be provided for the student at the discretion of the provider free of charge.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The Music Academy at Point Washington seeks to uphold high standards of music education by using best-practice instruction, challenging and encouraging students, and providing varied circumstances for them to practice and perform their art. We believe that all students learn best with consistent practice and instruction. Lessons are held at the same time and the same day of the week for an entire semester. Once the schedule is established, contact your

instructor and the academy director if you are having unforeseen issues with your scheduled time. We encourage you to anticipate conflicts for each semester to ensure you have a time that works best for you.

**There are no excused absences for regularly scheduled private lessons. At least three group lessons are available throughout the year to serve as makeup lessons or BONUS lessons to anyone who wants to attend!**

- If a student needs to miss a lesson for whatever reason (sickness, schedule conflict, vacation, etc.), students may take advantage of the scheduled group makeup lessons in either or both semesters. The student's absence from the lesson does not change monthly tuition. Life happens! These absences are expected and are built into tuition costs so that there is not a change in monthly tuition for missed lessons. We encourage you to notify the instructor as soon as possible.
- If an instructor has to cancel a lesson, the instructor will provide a time to reschedule that lesson within 30 days.
- Lessons on holidays (indicated in the schedule below) will have a scheduled alternate date. Your lesson will be at the same time on the new day.
- If you are sick or are experiencing symptoms (Covid-19, flu, cold, etc.), notify your instructor immediately and we will NOT meet for a lesson for the safety of everyone. Students can take advantage of group lessons at another time.

#### **PIANO LESSONS:**

**Ages:** Kindergarten - adulthood

*Note: Children need to be able to sit for a half-hour lesson prior to being eligible for private study. If you are not sure of their ability to do so, we encourage you to schedule a free sample lesson for your child and listen to the expertise of the instructor.*

**When:** Weekly lessons are scheduled with the instructor

**Where:** Point Washington UMC

1290 N County Highway 395

Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

**Instructor:** Mrs. Natalie Isaac

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**Vision:** The purpose of the piano studio is to provide individualized, high-quality music education to students within the congregation of Point Washington UMC and the surrounding community. We believe that the study of music is a venue for personal discovery, growth, and healthy development. Student engagement in private lessons furthers the mission of the United Methodist Church "... to make the love of Christ known." Those enrolled in private lessons can expect to follow a method chosen by the instructor to fit the individual needs of the student, supplemented by a variety of age-appropriate skills and materials relevant to the instrument. Students in the piano studio will study musical genre/style, music literacy, theory, chords, music history, and composers. These categories will be explored through scales, performance pieces, technical exercises, and more.

**GUITAR LESSONS:****Ages:** Kindergarten - adulthood

*Note: Kindergarten (6 years old) is the MINIMUM age for guitar lesson eligibility. As with piano lessons, children need to be able to sit for a half-hour lesson prior to being eligible for private study; however, guitar requires a high level of fine motor skills that makes eligibility truly dependent on the individual. Students younger than 3rd grade should reach out to the academy director to schedule a free sample lesson for your child to determine readiness for lessons.*

**When:** Weekly lessons are on Monday afternoons and are scheduled with the instructor**Where:** Point Washington UMC

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**Instructor:**

Rev. Darrin Isaac

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**Academy Director:**

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**Vision:** The purpose of the guitar studio is to provide individualized, high-quality music education to students within the congregation of Point Washington UMC and the surrounding community. We believe that the study of music is a venue for personal discovery, growth, and healthy development. Student engagement in private lessons furthers the mission of the United Methodist Church "... to make the love of Christ known." Those enrolled in private lessons can expect to follow a method chosen by the instructor to fit the individual needs of the student, supplemented by a variety of age-appropriate skills and materials relevant to the instrument.